

Fall of Pick Marks Bridge Work Start

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appear in full on an inside page.) The speeches were greeted with loud and continued applause which fairly shook the pier structure. Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf then offered a prayer.

Another Chasm to Bridge
Rabbi Krauskopf prayed that "this day, which marks the beginning of the fulfillment of New Jersey and Pennsylvania's long and ardent hope, may mark at the same time the beginning of the fulfillment of our and the world's much older and much larger hope, the hope of seeing our two sister states the chasm that still lingers here bridge nation from nation, race from race, people from people and brother from brother."

After band selections Governor Sprout then introduced Mayor Moore. The Mayor, in beginning his speech, said "I now nominate Governor Sprout as President of this 'United States.' The words were reminiscent of his nominating speech at the last Republican National Convention.

The Governor smiled broadly and replied, "I hope next time you make that speech you'll have better luck." The address of Camden's Mayor, Mr. Ellis, followed that of Mr. Moore, and it was at its conclusion that the ceremony of breaking away the planks took place.

The Rev. Carter Helm Jones then offered a prayer, and in his concluding prayer of the ceremony, the Very Rev. Dean William J. Fitzgerald, of Camden, pronounced the benediction.

Through this and the conclusion of the ceremony within the pier, the crowd that waited outside and the crowd that slowly filed out of the pier had another thrill waiting for them—that of the salute from the Navy.

Navy apprentice boys stationed at the end of the pier waved a signal to the gun commander of the Olympia, and the salute of seventeen guns began. The salute fairly shook the pier, as the big guns went off, one at a time.

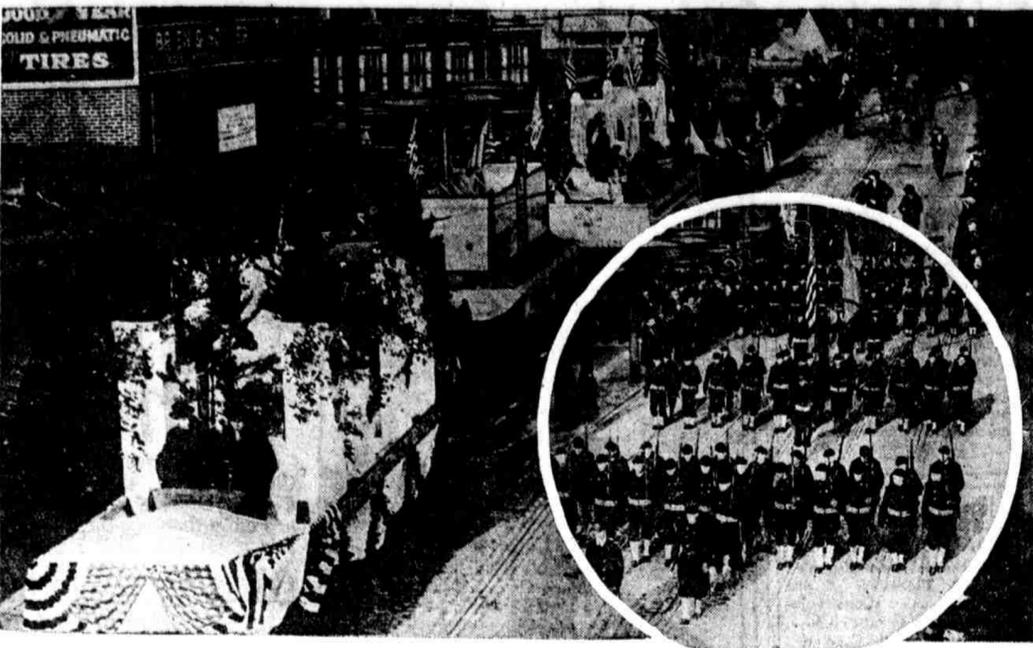
The prolonged shrieks of factory and steamboat whistles, and the cheering and shouting of the thousands of spectators, added to the din. From Camden came the noise of other batteries of whistles and regiments of cheering men and women who lined the wharves there.

Plane's Feet Spectacular
The feat of the hydroplane was the most spectacular of the day. The plane is the N. D., commanded by Lieutenant A. C. McFall, and carrying one other officer, Lieutenant R. Finckson.

Because of the ice in the river, it was not possible for the hydroplane to take to the air off the pier, as originally planned. It was sent up in a space cleared of ice by navy men opposite the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and winged its way over the river, with Commander A. C. Richardson, who won undying fame by crossing the ocean in a great seaplane in May, 1914, flying above the N. D. in an N. L. plane.

For several weeks the officers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard have been practicing for the difficult and dangerous stunt. At first it was thought impossible. After a couple of weeks of experiment, however, word was sent to the Bridge Commission that it could be done.

NEW JERSEY FOLK ENJOY DELAWARE RIVER PAGEANT



The ricing is made from photographs taken in Camden today as the parade moved over Haddon avenue. A few of many floats are shown with sailors from the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

partly through. It meant a quick job with pick and crowbar when Governor Sprout and Edwards were ready to exercise their muscles. They would have a hard task otherwise, for the pier is solidly built.

Only a structure built for heavy cargo could have withstood the weight of the thousands of spectators, closely packed, who watched the ceremony.

Crowd Breaks Past Bounds
The crowd outside gave a mighty forward heave when the speeding motor-cycles of the official party advanced guard swung from Market street north into Delaware avenue a few minutes after 9 o'clock.

The thousands on the sidewalks burst their bounds and overflowed into the street, eager for a glimpse of the Governors and Mayors, the commissioners and other guests as they stepped from their automobiles. The mounted troopers led their horses into the crowd, slowly pressing them back. Other troopers greeted the executives of city and state.

When they had left the cars the members of the official party lined up with newspaper photographers clicked their cameras. Governors Sprout and Edwards rode along with the silver-plated pick and crowbar with which the first planks were to be pried away. The precious implements were taken to the pier by Joseph K. Costello, secretary of the Bridge Commission, who carried the pick and Charles R. Bacon, the assistant secretary, who was entrusted with the crowbar.

As the Governors posed with pick and crowbar two voices in the crowd were raised in the simultaneous shout, "It's released as the plans hovered over this city. Then, flying across the river, Lieutenants McFall and Emerson led loose a long ribbon streamer, wound by the women of the Philadelphia Navy Factory at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, about a thin strand of wire. The wire was necessary to keep the thin strand of ribbon from breaking in the difficult and dangerous stunt.

When the wire was stretched across the river, where later will be swung the great cables of steel which will hold up the huge suspension bridge, the Olympia fired the salute.

Crowd Gathers Early
Long before the official party, in the city's handsome limousines, and with motorcycle patrolmen as outsiders, clustered up to the pier entrance, the crowd began to gather.

De aware avenue, from Arch street to Vine, was jammed solidly from house to curb with men and women who were not among the fortunate holders of tickets. Mounted traffic men, wearing their capes with yellow lining showing in cavalry fashion, bawled their horses to the curb, keeping the crowd from overflowing onto the street. Windows and house tops held hundreds.

Governors and Mayors Race Up Crowded Street

The Governors and Mayors and members of the Bridge Commission and guests made a wild automobile dash up Market street after this morning's parade, so they would be on time for the Bellevue-Stratford luncheon at 12:45.

Several pedestrians had narrow escapes as the cavalcade of automobiles, motorcycle patrolmen "honking" wildly ahead, sped along at thirty miles an hour.

One motorcycle man's cap blew off and the Governor was just missed it by a quick swerve. The corner of the cap was carried a square before he could pull out of line and slacken speed to regain the lost headgear.

Then came a luncheon at 12:45 at the Bellevue-Stratford. The officials, commissioners and guests, the pier ceremonies are finished, were taken back to the Bellevue-Stratford to prepare for a formal dinner at 7 o'clock this evening, which will bring the day's activities to a close. The dinner will be given by the Keystone Automobile Club of Philadelphia.

Guests at Luncheon
Present at the luncheon were: Governor Sprout, Mayor Moore, Charles A. Snyder, Samuel S. Lewis, Thomas H. Smith, Richard W. White, Thomas J. Jeffries, T. Albert Adams, T. J. S. Barlow, Theodore Boettger, John F. Boyle, Frank F. Gallatier, W. H. Noyes, Samuel M. Shay, Charles S. Stevens, Robert S. Grayson, Emerson Richards, David J. Smyth, Fred Taylor Pusey, Ralph Modjeski, George S. Webster, Laurence A. Ball, Joseph K. Costello.

Charles R. Bacon, Edward I. Edwards, Jr., John F. Whitaker, Edward A. Byrne, Daniel E. Munn, Senator Walter Evans Edge, Governor Edwards, Governor Charles H. Ellis, Rear Admiral L. M. Nulton, Commander W. G. Simpson, Captain Henry L. Wynn, Rear Admiral Louis R. de Stuyver, Major L. E. Long, William R. Mills, superintendent of police; Joseph P. Wallworth, Durell Shuster, Frank S. Van Hart, Frederick W. Donnelly, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Alva B. Johnson, J. S. W. Helton, John P. Dwyer, David E. Smiley, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, the Rev. Carter Helm Fitzgerald, the Rev. Carter Helm Fitzgerald, Barclay H. Warburton, Major Adams, Major Myers and Major Foran.

Discuss Politics at Bridge Luncheon
The unique situation in State politics was injected into the Delaware River bridge luncheon in the Bellevue-Stratford today and brought from Governor Sprout the remark that his "sacrifice" in yielding the senatorship was not an irreparable one.

There were no speeches at the luncheon, where for an hour the prime movers in the bridge ceremonies today had rest and relaxation. The Governor's remark came during laudatory comments by Mayor Moore. Distinguished visitors and city, State and Government officials and their friends were guests. All who had a part in this day's project were singled out by the Mayor for some happy phrase.

Turning to the Governor, the Mayor referred to him as "the man, best qualified to fill the senatorship who had the courage to make a great sacrifice, such a sacrifice as has not been seen in this country for many a year. The Governor replied that he was happy to be the Governor on such an auspicious occasion. Then he continued: "It was no conscious sacrifice on my

Pepper Is Sil'nt on Senatorship

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some predict, Senator Crow will not be able to enter the coming primaries. Meanwhile, the question of the governorship will be left open, according to present plans, until a conference is held by Senator Vane and Senator Crow. The Vares stand pat on the candidacy of Congressman Vane to succeed Penrose.

It is not believed that the Governor will consider Mr. Vane seriously for the United States senatorial appointment. In other circles the belief is that the Governor has narrowed his choice down to Mr. Pepper, former Governor Stuart or Morris L. Clothier.

Magie Wants His Share
The formation of the new State organization may mean the revival of the boom for Lieutenant Governor Beldinger for Governor, despite "that \$5000 check." It is believed, however, that Magie will insist on getting something in return of the situation than an offer of support for him for United States Senator in the event that Mr. Crow is not a candidate to succeed himself.

The Magie men say that the west is entitled to the next Governor. This state of affairs may result, it was intimated, in an agreement on Mr. Beldinger or Governor or else on William Flinn, former progressive leader. The central section of the State would then demand the Lieutenant Governorship and the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Friends of Senator Crow, in commenting on the senatorial situation, say that the Governor will have to make a strong appointment if he expects his appointee to defeat Vane in the primaries.

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STATE, FEDERAL AND CITY OFFICIALS LAUD SPAN PROJECT

Speakers this afternoon at the ceremony at Pier 11, marking the start of construction of the Delaware River Bridge, one of the great engineering projects realized, a day for self-congratulation by the people of two great States.

Governor Sprout—"We are gathered here today at the initiation of one of the greatest public improvements ever undertaken anywhere. This is a great historic occasion. It not only links two cities and two States but it closes a great gap in the highway system of our nation. It is more than a popular event."

"It does not mean a lot to South Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania alone, but to all America. The great river is no longer a barrier. This moment will be remembered for all time as one of the commanding features of Philadelphia's history."

"I am glad, and I am proud that I was Governor of this State and I am proud to have the privilege of introducing Governor, or rather, Ex-Governor Edge, who is now a distinguished representative in our National Senate, the man who first worked for his State to make the bridge a reality, and I am also proud to introduce the present Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Edwards."

"We shall continue to work for appropriations and betterments so that when the time comes for our Sesqui-Centennial the whole world can see what we have done."

Governor Edwards—"Next to the magnitude of this great undertaking, the connecting link in an unbroken highway between the metropolitan districts of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, I am impressed with the harmony which pervades every act of the Joint Commission, under whose guidance the physical construction of the world's longest suspension bridge begins today."

"The spirit which should dominate all public work in the prosecution of which the co-operation of two or more States is essential and the efficiency of its application is evident in the success which has crowned your every effort. The real value of this bridge will not be realized until its

formal opening, which we all trust will be coincident with the Sesqui-Centennial of the City of Brotherly Love. Then the people of the Keystone and Garden States will be in a position to realize they are next door neighbors of the Garden State. In fact, we expect to have our Hudson vehicular tunnels opened about the same time."

"This is but one thing to my mind which marks the relation we all feel on this momentous linking of our two States, the absence of Senator James Penrose. He was an ardent advocate of the project, aiding in every way from its conception by word and deed. We had a hoped to have him as an honored guest, now and at the formal opening, but, an All-Wise Providence willed it otherwise."

W. S. VARE 'TOO BUSY' TO TALK POLITICS

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Vane said today he was too busy trying to bring about greater economy in expenditures of the Federal Government to discuss Pennsylvania politics.

When asked about reports that he might be the next Senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. Vane said: "I must decline to discuss Pennsylvania politics at this time. My time has been devoted almost exclusively since December 12, including the holidays, to the new Treasury Bill, the first on the budget system which we are hopeful of having passed in the House tonight or tomorrow."

"My judgment is that while there will be considerable economy as a result of the first budget, there will be much greater in the next. General Dawes conceded that he had only scratched the surface. Looking into the future, if proper executive pressure is exerted on the departments, we should save half a billion dollars when we are preparing the bills a year hence. The real success of the budget system, from the standpoint of efficiency, will be entirely up to the President."

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OFFERED \$100 FOR \$5000
Says Man Tried to Bribe Him Not to Claim Stolen Furs
An alleged offer to pay Harry Beckman, fur dealer at Sixth and Arch streets, \$100 if he would not identify goods said to have been stolen from him by William Martin, alias "Handsome Harry," caused William Miller, of 931 Arch street, to be held on a charge of conspiracy by Magistrate Remondy today.

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